

JEAN ELIOT'S WEEKLY CHRONICLE OF CAPITAL SOCIETY.

Capital Society Ready for After Easter Gayeties

THE spring season—from Easter on—is perhaps the pleasantest time of the year in Washington. Calling goes by the board, as does all strictly "official" entertaining; and society, with its duty well done, devotes itself to the business of having a good time. Parties are neither so large nor so formal as during the season—with a capital S—but they are perhaps more numerous and certainly more fun. And, having paused to draw breath during Holy Week, the social world is now well prepared for the gayeties of Easter week and the three or four weeks thereafter.

The announcement from the White House that the President would go to Woods Hole, Mass., for the summer, having leased the Crane place, and would go early, probably some time between May 15 and June 15, has rather knocked in the head the idea of a spring "at the White House." But Washington had a pretty gay winter with the President here de combat, and from all indications it can even manage a gay spring season without White House leadership.

Mrs. Wilson has gone almost nowhere during the President's illness, and had practically no company. Last week her niece, Anne, and Lucy Maury of Roanoke, came from their school in Philadelphia to spend the spring holidays with their grandmother, Mrs. William H. Bolling, at the Powhatan, but they went back yesterday. They were much at the White House, lunching with Mrs. Wilson accompanying her on the long motor rides which are her principal recreation. Miss Margaret Wilson, who has been in New York for a fortnight or more, was expected back at the White House for Easter. Probably she got in last night. At any rate she needs must be here by Tuesday, for on that day she is to unveil the statue to be erected in the main corridor of the District building in memory of the employees of the District government who lost their lives in the war. Bainbridge Colby, Secretary of State and Joseph Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, will attend the little ceremony, and will make brief addresses.

Housten to Be Summer Headquarters of President.

News that Charles R. Crane's "cottages" at Woods Hole was to be the summer White House roused considerable interest in Washington. Also it called forth expressions of sympathy for the Houstens, who were credited with having rented the "Crane place" for several summers. As a matter of fact, the Houstens have always occupied—and will occupy again this season—a smaller house on Mr. Crane's property which they lease from him, so they'll be among the President and Mrs. Wilson's nearest neighbors this summer. The place has become a second home to the Housten family, and they would, indeed, be dejected at having to give it up. Quarters are being sought in Woods Hole for Rear Admiral and Mrs. Grayson, who usually go to Connecticut for the summer, and undoubtedly there'll be an interesting little semi-official colony centering about Juniper Point. One hears considerable amusing comment on the way "times have changed" since the President's last summer in America when he spent the little time he could get away from Washington up at Magnolia "side by side" with Colonel House, what time he was not actually visiting him. And now, while he is going up in the same general neighborhood, Cape Cod is making a comfortable barrier between the summer White House and Colonel House's summer home, which lies several counties to the north.

Wilson's Officials at Home for Easter.

Easter finds the President's official family all at home, save for the Vice President and Mrs. Marshall, who are still in Arizona, but are expected back about April 15. Mrs. Colby, wife of the new Secretary of State, has gone on to New York for Easter, but will return tomorrow, coming especially to lunch with the President and Mrs. Wilson at the White House—perhaps the nearest thing to a social function which the President has ventured upon since his illness. She was here for two or three days last week, but simply for the purpose of house hunting; and it will be another week before she brings her daughters to Washington and settles down here.

The Colbys have leased the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Campbell Graef, 1507 K street, and will take possession thereof on Mrs. Colby's return.

The Attorney General and Mrs. Palmer took time by the forelock and enjoyed a bit of an Easter vacation well before Easter. They are now home after having spent a pleasant fortnight at Hot Springs. The Secretary of War got back this morning from Ohio. Mrs. Baker has had a house full of children, as she was entertaining three little girls, friends of Betty Baker. They went back to Cleveland last night. The Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels, who have two sons, Worth Bagley Daniels and Jonathan Daniels, at the University of North Carolina, are expecting them shortly for their spring vacation. On the other hand David Franklin Houston, Jr., who is at Harvard, doesn't get his holiday until April 15. At least, he's due to arrive in Washington on the 15th and I presume that's his vacation time, although it may be that he is coming on for the marriage of Nancy Lane and Philip Kauffmann on April 20. The Houstens and the Laners are old and intimate friends, you know, Secretary and Mrs. Houston, it is said, had wanted to slip off for a bit of a rest about this time, but found it quite impossible to get accommodations at any of the popular resorts.

Diplomatic Circles See Many Changes.

The Cabinet has been regarded as something of a merry-go-round of late; and there has been a tendency to regard the Diplomatic Corps—the foreign diplomats stationed in Washington—in the same light. Now it begins to be apparent that Uncle Sam's own diplomatic service is in the same boat. Indeed, the force has been pretty completely reorganized since the war. Practically every one of the important posts has been filled since the armistice was signed. John W. Davis has gone to London, Hugh Wallace to Paris, Brand Whitlock to Belgium as ambassador, and Robert Underwood Johnson to Italy. And there's



BILLY AND NANNIE MINOT, Children of Mrs. Grafton Minot and great-grandchildren of Senator Lodge, as the sculptress sees them.

Charles R. Crane about to start for China, and his son, Richard T. Crane, already in Czechoslovakia, and William Phillips and Joseph Grew out of the State Department here and appointed ministers respectively, to Holland and Denmark. Hugh Gibson is in Poland. Morgenthau's about to see what he can do with Mexico—he rather "specializes on the impossible," you know—and now Hampson Gary is to go to Switzerland.

The announcement that Mr. Gary had been selected to succeed Pleasant A. Stovall, at Bern, caused quite a little flutter of excitement. For the Garys are very well liked in Washington. At the time of Mr. Gary's appointment as consular diplomatic agent in Egypt some two years ago, they were prominent and popular members of the Texas colony, which is a particularly large and flourishing one. But their popularity was not at all confined—I had almost said "to their co-religionists." There are really too many people in Washington who work overtime at being Southerners. But the Garys, while they are Southerners and proud of it, don't feel that they need to rub it in continually. As a result they were greatly missed when they went to Egypt and were welcomed with open arms when they came home on leave a while ago. Just lately it was announced that Mr. Gary's leave had been extended a month, and everybody is delighted that he and his pretty wife are to be here a little longer.

Friends See Phillips Family Set Sail.

William Phillips sailed yesterday for his new post, accompanied by

MRS. LITHGOW OSBORNE, Wife of an American diplomat and a sculptress of note: Her exhibition of statuettes, many of them portraits of Washington society folk, at the Hisada Gallery, has attracted much attention.

Mrs. Phillips and their children; and the Franklin Roosevelts and the A. C. Millers went up to New York to see them off. Mr. Grew will succeed Norman Hapgood, who, like the King of France and his ten thousand men, "marched up the hill, and then marched them down again." He went to Copenhagen, but had to come right home again, as the Senate refused to confirm his appointment.

I don't believe his successor has taken up his new duties yet. Of late Mr. Grew has been in Paris, having been sent to the embassy there, after a year or two in Washington, at the time the peace conference convened. He's one of the few men at the head of American diplomatic missions who has worked his way up through the various grades of the service. He began in the consular bureau, was soon transferred to the diplomatic service, filled every grade from third secretary up, and certainly has earned his appointment as minister.

Undoubtedly, if he sticks, he'll be an ambassador before long. Which is as it should be. For one of the causes for righteous wrath among our men who adopt diplomacy is a career is the system which brings outsiders in to fill the important diplomatic posts. Henry P. Fletcher, who has recently ceased to be American ambassador to Mexico, worked his way up through the various grades of the diplomatic service, but one can scarcely name a present American ambassador who has seen service in the lower grades.

Mr. Phillips was attached to our embassy in London as secretary and saw long service in the State Department. Hugh Gibson also "came up from the ranks." But even now the ministers are rank outsiders. And, curiously enough, these men mentioned as having honestly trained for diplomatic posts are all "hold-overs" from a Republican administration. U. Grant Smith, who was counselor of the American embassy at Vienna when the war broke, is another diplomat of long service and experience, and one wonders if he, too, won't get a minister's portfolio in the course of the present reorganization.

Grew Will Start For China This Month.

Mr. Grew, by the way, has the more or less enviable distinction of having been diplomatically kicked out of two countries. He was charge d'affaires at Berlin when relations were severed between the United States and Germany, and in due course was handed his passports and politely invited to leave. Almost immediately he was sent to Vienna, as Ambassador Penfield had left and Mr. Smith—the above mentioned U. Grant Smith, who was charge d'affaires, was ill. And scarcely had he arrived in Vienna when the United States and Austria-Hungary came to the parting of the ways and he was again politely invited to depart.

When Mr. Crane starts for China the latter part of this month he will be accompanied by Alexander Kirk, who has been appointed secretary of the legation at Peking. Mr. Kirk was private secretary to the Secretary of State—succeeding Richard Crane—both in Washington and in Paris dur-

ing the peace conference. He's a bachelor, and has been occupying a commodious old house in Georgetown, with his mother to act as hostess whenever he chose to entertain. Albert Billings Ruddock, who has been at the State Department here for several years, is also going to China, and he and Mrs. Ruddock, with their children, will start for Peking early in June, sailing from Vancouver. They'll be greatly missed, for they're both very popular here. They have a country place, Curl's Neck, in Virginia, where they spend part of each week; and give the pleasantest sort of week-end house parties there.

On the other hand, the Warren Delano Robbins, who used to be here at the State Department and have been in South America for some time, are back and there are a number of newcomers in the important little State Department coterie. Perhaps the most interesting are Mr. and Mrs. Lithgow Osborne. They came here from Paris, Mr. Osborne having been connected with the secretariat of the peace conference, and they have taken a house in Massachusetts avenue—No. 2328, to be exact.

Mrs. Osborne, who is a Danish girl, although she boasts American blood, is a very clever sculptress, and she specializes in portrait statuettes which are singularly charming. She has been holding an exhibition of her work at the Hisada galleries for the last fortnight. The critics acclaim her work very highly, and, what's more, it has a great appeal to the laymen—from whom most of the orders come. Many prominent Washingtonians are represented in Mrs. Osborne's collection, and I particularly like the little figure of Mme. Brambilla reproduced here—it has such a gallant air—and the charming group of the Minot kiddies, children of Mrs. Grafton Minot.

Before her marriage Mrs. Osborne was Countess Lillie Raben-Letvau, and she is a granddaughter of Mme. von Hegeman-Lindencrone, whose voluminous reminiscences, notably "In the Court of Memory," you must have read. Mme. von Hegeman-Lindencrone was an American woman, a Bostonian, if I'm not mistaken, who had a wonderful voice, but gave up a career on the operatic stage to marry a Danish diplomat. He saw service in half the capitals of Europe, as well as in Washington; and his wife wrote in delightful fashion of diplomatic life and the men and manners of her day.

Frances Carpenter to Be Early Spring Bride.

Frances Carpenter, whose marriage to William Chapin Huntington, recently appointed commercial attaché of the American embassy in Paris, will take place on Tuesday afternoon, is the first of the spring brides. And the gayeties of Easter week are starting off with the festivities in her honor. Kathryn Hitchcock is giving a tea for her this afternoon and tomorrow evening Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Carpenter will entertain for the bridal party and out-of-town guests at their daughter's wedding. It will be a small bridal party, just Ruth Lerner as maid of honor and Philip B. Kennedy, chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, as best man.



MME. BRAMBILLA. A gay little statuette of the wife of the counselor of the Italian embassy, who was formerly Miss Julia Meyer.

Phoebe Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan E. Walker, who is to wed Commander Charles Alfred Dunn, U. S. N., on Saturday, will also be much feted during the week. Her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. Reginald Walker, will give a big dinner for her at the Chevy Chase Club on Wednesday evening, their guests including the bridal party. Other parties planned for this popular bride include a dinner at the Cafe St. Mark's on Tuesday evening, with Dr. and Mrs. J. Ryan Devereux as hosts; the luncheon—also at St. Mark's—which Mrs. John Edwards will give on Wednesday, a luncheon which Mrs. Charles Carroll Walcutt will give on Thursday and one on Friday, which Davette Ficklen is having. On Thursday night Mrs. David Loudon Johnson (Jean Rayner), who is to be matron of honor, will entertain at dinner, and on Friday evening, following the rehearsal, the bridal party will be guests of Miss Walker's aunt, Mrs. Breehn, at her apartment in the Parkwoods. She's having a supper party for them.

D. C. is interested in Hicks-Stevens Nuptials. Especially interesting to the Congressional contingent—and particularly to the New York delegation—is the approaching marriage of Congressman Frederick C. Hicks, of Port Washington, N. Y., and Marie Christine Stevens, daughter of the late Major Pierce Stevens, U. S. A., which is to be celebrated in the Bethlehem Chapel of the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul on April 17. There are to be no attendants, and only a small party of relatives and close friends will be present. As the bride's family is in mourning there will be no reception. But it is pleasant to realize

Fancies, Fads, And Foibles of Capital Society

that Mr. Hicks—a Congressional widower with a distinct gift for society—is likely to establish a household in Washington, and get into the social game. His brother and sister-in-law from California have been living with him this winter and helping him keep up his end socially.

Also there has been general interest in the receipt in Washington of cards from George Harnay, announcing the marriage of his sister, Grace, to Edward Hamlin Everett, of Bennington, Vt. The wedding took place at St. Andrew's Church, in Chicago, a week ago, and Washington naturally sees a pleasant prospect of gay times at Mr. Everett's handsome Sheridan Circle home, which is one of the handsomest residences in Washington, and has scarcely been open this winter. Moreover, Washington knows the former Miss Harnay and the prospective Mrs. Hicks as young women who are very well worth while. Mr. Everett's bride used to spend her winters in Washington, and is well known here as a cultivated and a gifted singer. She has been abroad engaged in war work for the last eighteen months, and has only recently returned to the United States. Miss Stevens on the other hand has done her war work right here in these United States. She has been hard at work for 10 these many months at Evergreen, the Red Cross Institute for the Blind near Baltimore, where she has been ever since the beginning of the war.

Lieutenant Dundas' Death Ends Romance.

The death of Lieut. Luigi Bartolucci-Dundas, assistant naval attaché of the Italian embassy, brought to a tragic close one of the romances in

which Washington was particularly interested. For his marriage to Manuela Lloveras, the very attractive niece of the Argentine Ambassador and Mme. LeBreton, was to have taken place this spring. While no date had been announced, it was generally believed that the wedding was set for April or May. Indeed, Manuela Lloveras announced, before she went to Panama to be on hand when the Prince of Wales passed that way, that she would be back in April as she was to be in Miss Lloveras' wedding party.

Poor Lieutenant Bartolucci! He had a splendid war record and he had served his country in a diplomatic capacity both in London and Paris. It was in Paris that he met the lovely South American, whose engagement to him was announced in midwinter. Just when one was expecting definite announcement of the wedding date came news of his death at Johns Hopkins Hospital. And almost no one knew that he was ill. And the few who did—to make a bad matter worse—declare that the whole trouble, which eventually developed into meningitis, grew out of a simple operation on his ear and might have been easily cured.

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